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SUBJ: COLOMBIA'S INVITATION TO HOST IWY WORLD CONFERENCE

REF: BOGOTA 3073

1. USUN MUCH APPRECIATES REFTTEL AND IS CONSIDERABLY RELIEVED BY IT. INASMUCH AS COLOMBIA IS BY FAR MOST SERIOUS CONTENDER FOR THE ROLE OF HOSTING SUBJECT CONFERENCE, IT IS REASSURING TO KNOW EXTENT OF PROBABLE NEXT PRESIDENT'S COMMITMENT. LACK OF FOLLOWUP BY COLOMBIAN PERMENENT MISSION HERE HAS LEFT US IN DOUBT AS TO SERIOUSNESS OF GOC'S INVITATION, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF REPORT THAT GOC HAD AGREED TO PROVIDE ONLY \$60,000 TO MEET COST OF HOSTING CONFERENCE, WHEN IN FACT ACTUAL COST IS LIKELY TO BE SEVERAL TIMES THAT FIGURE. RE LACK OF FOLLOWUP, SRA. DE BOURBON HAS NOT RESPONDED TO MS. BRUCE'S SUGGESTION THAT SHE SUBMIT A REQUEST IN WRITING TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR AN ESTIMATE OF WHAT THESE COSTS WILL BE.

2. FOR EMBASSY'S INFORMATION, THESE COSTS, TENTATIVELY DETERMINED BY SECT STAFF, CONSIST OF TRAVEL AND PER DIEM OF UN SECRETARIAT (SECT) PEOPLE, CONSISTING OF FOLLOWING ELEMENTS: SUBSTANTIVE STAFF, MADE UP IN LARGE PART FROM MS. BRUCE'S BRANCH; CONFERENCE SERVICING STAFF, CONSISTING OF
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INTERPRETERS, TRANSLATORS, DOCUMENTS OFFICERS, ETC.; AND

INFORMATION STAFF FROM OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION (OPI).
IN ADDITION SOUND ENGINEERS MAY ALSO BE NEEDED, BUT ONLY IF
NECESSARY EQUIPMENT FOR SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION AND CON-
FERENCE ROOM AMPLIFICATION IS NOT AVAILABLE AT SITE. (AVAIL-
ABILITY OF SUCH EQUIPMENT IS DETERMINED BY GROUP OF TWO OR
THREE UN SOUND TECHNICIANS WHO VISIT SITE IN ADVANCE OF CON-
FERENCE.) UN BUDGET OFFICER GAVE ESTIMATE OF APPROXIMATELY
100 TO 150 UN PERSONNEL IN TOTO, DEPENDING UPON WHETHER
SOUND EQUIPMENT IS AVAILABLE AND UPON AVAILABILITY OF LOCAL
PEOPLE TO HANDLE SOME OF OPI'S WORK. (UN PER DIEM WOULD BE
\$20 IN BOGOTA OR \$28,000 FOR 100 PEOPLE FOR 14 DAYS.) OTHER
COSTS INCLUDE FREIGHT CHARGES FOR DOCUMENTATION AND EQUIPMENT.
HOST GOVERNMENT MUST ALSO ASSUME COSTS OF CONFERENCE FACILITIES,
HIRING OF LOCAL SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE, AND SECURITY PERSONNEL.

3. GOVERNMENT OF KENYA WROTE TO SECT ON MARCH 6 OFFERING TO
HOST CONFERENCE "ON CONDITION THAT UN PAY ALL THE COSTS OF
HOLDING THE CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI." UN ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAM
(UNEP) IS HEADQUARTERED IN NAIROBI, WHICH MEANS THAT UN COULD
ASSUME SOME OF THE CONFERENCE COSTS THERE THAT WOULD OTHERWISE
HAVE TO BE BORNE BY HOST GOVERNMENT, BUT PROBABLY NOT ENOUGH
TO MAKE MUCH DIFFERENCE. YESTERDAY, IN CONVERSATION WITH
MISOFF, KENYAN PERMANENT MISSION REP, MS. KINYANJUI, DID NOT
SEEM TO HAVE MUCH HOPE THAT NAIROBI WOULD BE CHOSEN AS
CONFERENCE SITE GIVEN THIS BASIC FINANCIAL OBSTACLE.

4. SECT'S RELUCTANCE TO ABANDON HOPE OF NAIROBI SITE AND
SETTLE FIRMLY ON COLOMBIA MAY IN PART BE DUE TO OBVIOUS
HANDICAP FOR LARGELY ENGLISH-SPEAKING SUBSTANTIVE STAFF OF
HAVING TO RUN CONFERENCE IN SPANISH-SPEAKING COUNTRY.

5. SINCE RES FOR IWY WORLD CONFERENCE IS COMING BEFORE
ECOSOC FOR APPROVAL OR REJECTION ON OR ABOUT APRIL 23,
USUN BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR EMBASSY TO ACQUAINT
RESPONSIBLE GOC OFFICIALS WITH TENTATIVE COSTS OF HOSTING CONFER-
ENCE ABOVE. COLOMBIAN PERMANENT MISSION AND COLOMBIAN ECOSOC
DELEGATION SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THESE MATTERS
KNOWLEDGEABLY SO THAT SOVIET BLOC OPPONENTS OF THE CON-
FERENCE CANNOT USE HOST COUNTRY'S LACK OF KNOWLEDGE ABOUT
WHAT IT HAS UNDERTAKEN TO DO AS ADDITIONAL EVIDENCE OF IN-
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ADEQUATE PREPARATION ON PART OF CONFERENCE SPONSORS.
SPECIFICALLY, IT WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE IF GOC WOULD IN-
STRUCT ITS MISSION TO REQUEST COST ESTIMATE FROM SECT,
SINCE MS. BRUCE'S SUGGESTION TO THIS EFFECT HAS NOT BEEN
ACTED UPON.

6. USUN APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S INTEREST AND MAY WISH TO CALL
UPON EMBASSY FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE IF COLOMBIA'S INVITA-

TION IS ACCEPTED, WHICH SEEMS VERY LIKELY IF RES IS PASSED.
USUN ASSURES EMBASSY THAT IT WILL TAKE NO INITIATIVES ON
THIS SUBJECT WHICH WOULD AFFECT OUR RELATIONS WITH COLOMBIA
WITHOUT CONSULTING EMBASSY.
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